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Welcome to the column that asks the question, "Why do ice cubes get freezer burn?"

May again. All the taxes are filed and, in many cases, the returns are already spent. Easter has egg-rolled by. Daffodils and crocuses are blooming, and the lilac will soon flower as well.

No bad news to report this month, for a change; nobody died and there were no busts. One note: VR editor Chris Lobdell would like to resurrect the QSL Stats, so if you haven't reported your latest numbers to him, please do so by his June deadline.

We would like to replace George Zeller, if possible, to keep the clandestine information flowing. If you're interested in doing the column, contact Hdq. For that matter, if you have an idea for a column and would be willing to write it, contact Hdq. While our scope is primarily illegal, uncensored, or unusual transmissions, we're open to anything that the readers find interesting.

Onward..!

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(Next deadline for submissions: May 18th, 2003)

LATE LOGS

Captain Morgan

- 02/18/03, 0045, 6950A (ZR-AZ Good)

Iron Man Radio

- 03/12/03, 0109, 6925A (ZR-AZ Good)

Radio Bingo

- 03/12/03, 0248, 6925A (ZR-AZ Good)

Undercover Radio

- 02/17/03, 0022, 6950U (ZR-AZ Good)
- 02/24/03, 0234-0244, 6955U (MT-WI Fair)
- 02/28/03, 0233-0243, 6955U (MT-WI Poor)

WMPR

- 03/18/03, 0155, 6955A (ZR-AZ Fair)

FROM ACROSS THE POND

Crazy Wave Radio (crazywave@gmx.net)

- 04/12/03, 2302-2328, 6955U - mx - Pink, Joan Jett. (SC-VA Poor)

Radio Borderhunter (borderhunter@hotmail.com)

- 03/16/03, 1910+, 21880A - propagation testing. (JS-NE Poor)

Radio Marabu (marabu@radio-marabu.de)

- 04/13/03, 0101-0106, 6319A - mx - "Space Oddity". (SC-VA Poor)

Radio Tre Network (None)

- 04/12/03, 2334-2337, 6275A - mx - Techno. (SC-VA Good) (This seems to be an unauthorized rebroadcast of an Italian FM station - Lee)

NORTH/SOUTH AMERICAN LOGGINGS

Big Thunder Radio (bigthunderradio@hotmail.com)

- 03/16/03, 0337-0349*, 6940A - mx - N'Sync. Traveling with Big Joe through Mexico. (JS-NE Good)
- 03/22/03, 0327-0354, 6955U - mx - Black Sabbath. (SC-VA Poor)
- 03/27/03, 0248-0259, 6950A - mx - "What Does It Take". (SC-VA Poor)
- 04/12/03, 2339, 6950U - mx - "Tax Man". (AF Poor)
- 04/13/03, 0100, 6950U - mx - "Casey Jones", "Tax Man", "The Road Goes On Forever". Meow Mix and Hawaiian Punch commercials. (AF Fair)
- 04/13/03, *0258-0331*, 6950U - mx - Rock. Classic commercials. (GZ-OH 252)

(Fair)

- 04/15/03, 0210-0230+, 6950U – mx – Beatles, Hendrix, Black Sabbath. (AF Poor)(DC-PA Fair)(JS-NE Good)
- 03/17/03, 0348-0412, 6945U – mx – various, Hawaiian Punch commercial noted. (Pse QSL DL-CA Good)

Captain Morgan (FRN/ACE)

- 03/27/03, 0238-0258, 6950A – mx – "American Woman", "Fame", "You Know What I Mean". (JS-NE Poor)
- 04/04/03, 0304, 6950A – mx – Hendrix, "Big Old Jet Airliner" played at high speed. (AF Poor)

Grasscutter Radio (Unknown)

- 04/08/03, 2339-0038, 6950U – mx – Cream, Who, Some commentary but very weak signal. (AF Poor)(SC-VA Poor)
- 04/17/03, 0111-0112, 6926U – a show for James Brownyard. (SC-VA Fair)
- 04/17/03, 0249-0322+, 6925U – mx – Hendrix, Trower, Thanks to JB and The Mechanic. (JS-NE Good)
- 04/18/03, 0152-0322, 6925U – mx – Clapton. (AF Poor)(SC-VA Fair)

Heroin Radio (Unknown)

- 03/11/03, 0147, 6925A – Captain Ganja giving Moe Howard a ride to Kulpville. (MT-WI Good)
- 03/12/03, 0153-0229*, 6925A – possible repeat of show above. (Pse QSL JS-NE Fair)

Iron Man Radio (ACE/FRN)

- 03/11/03, 0047-0144, 6925A – mx – Blues. A trip through the Solar System with Captain Ace and the kids. "See you next time on Iron Man Radio!" (MT-WI Fair)
- 03/11/03, 0419-0436, 6925A – mx – Blues. Indistinct talk. (MT-WI Poor)

Radio Baghdad (Unknown)

- 03/30/03, 0111-0123*, 6950A – mx – "Nobody Left To Blame". ID as "Radio Baghdad, English Section", memories of Viet Nam. (WS-TN Good)(Pse QSL JS-NE Fair)(AF Poor)

Radio Free Speech (Belfast)

- 03/22/03, 0000, 6925A (DC-PA Poor)

Radio Java (Unknown)

- 03/22/03, 0010, 6925A (DC-PA Poor) (Think that's what Don wrote – Lee)

Radio Pigmeat International (Belfast)

- 04/13/03, 2317-0010, 6925A – mx – Clash, ID at 0022. (AF Poor)(JS-NE Poor)(SC-VA Fair)

Shadow Radio (the_shadow6950@hotmail.com)

- 03/30/03, 0253-0343*, 6950U – mx – Rock'n'roll, OM anncr, "The Shadow" episode. Also IDing as "WHDW". (AF Poor)(WS-TN Good)(GZ-OH 242)(DC-PA Poor)(SC-VA Good)
- 04/18/03, 0143-0200, 6950U – Molly and Fibber McGee. (AF Poor)(DC-PA Fair)(SC-VA Good)

Sunshine Radio (Unknown)

- 04/12/03, 0013, 6950A – YL anncr. Very weak. ID at 0014 (AF Poor)
- 04/12/03, 0044-0134, 6950A – mx – 50's, 60's. YL anncr "I hope you are enjoying the music". (RM-CT 233)(WS-TN Poor)
- 04/13/03, 0000-0016, 6950A – mx – Righteous Brothers. YL anncr. (Pse QSL SC-VA Poor)
- 04/14/03, 0233-0248+, 6950L – mx – Kenny Rogers. YL anncr with IDs after each musical selection, "Hope you enjoyed that music" and "This is Sunshine Radio". (Pse QSL JS-NE Fair)

SYCKO Radio (None)

- 04/06/03, 0037-0102, 6955U – mx – Techno, Ambient. Frequent IDs. (Pse QSL FM-NH Good)(AF Fair)(JS-NE Good)(SC-VA Poor)
- 04/08/03, 0353-0440, 6950U – mx – "White America". (SC-VA Fair)
- 04/13/03, 0008-0016, 6950U – special FX, laughter. (AF Fair)(SC-VA Good)

The Voice Of The Angry Bastard (Belfast)

- 04/14/03, 0050-0059, 6950A – mx – Punk, "California Sun". A Clash memorial show. (AF Poor)(DC-PA Fair)(SC-VA Fair – Steve reports it was a Joey Ramone special)

United Patriot Militia Bingo (yahwehradio6925@yahoo.com)

- 03/22/03, 0020, 6925A (DC-PA)

Voodoo Radio (yudu11@hotmail.com)

- 04/13/03, 0449-0510*, 6925A – mx – "Running With The Devil" and "Loving A Plain Girl". Off w/ "Support our troops – they're only doing their job!" (JS-NE Poor)

WHYP (whyp6925@yahoo.com)

- 03/12/03, 0229-0237+, 6925A – a segue from Heroin Radio into the Brownyard Croquet Tournament. (JS-NE Fair)
- 03/14/03, 0033-0117+, 6925A – mx – "Lovesick Blues". JB and tales from the Winterfest. (JS-NE Fair)
- 03/16/03, 0235-0330+, 6925A – usual programming. (WH-IL 144)
- 03/17/03, 0003-0050, 6925A – a promise of QSLs from the WHYP empire. (MT-WI Good)(JS-NE Poor)
- 03/21/03, 0045-0140, 6925A – JB reading weather reports. (DC-PA Good) (Don says he remembers JB!)
- 03/22/03, 0154-0236*, 6925A – JB talking about Pirate Radio and the war in Iraq. (MT-WI Good)(MP-NJ Good)(ZR-AZ Good)(SC-VA Good)
- 03/23/03, 0033- 6925A – Radio Bob on a game show, commentary from George Zeller, mention of Moe Howard. (AF Fair)(SC-VA Good)
- 04/15/03, 0018, 6925A – mx – Tone Loc, Lou Reed, Fleetwood Mac. (AF Good)
- 04/15/03, 0112-0118, 6925A – mx – Lou Reed. (SC-VA Good)
- 04/16/03, 2320-0102*, 6925A – mx – "Turn The Page", "Falling For You". JB is impaired. A visit from Uncle Schleckstein. (JS-NE Fair)(SC-VA Good)
- 04/18/03, 0031-0148, 6925A – mx – "Some Like It Hot", "I Need To Know". (AF Poor)(SC-VA Good)
- 04/19/03, 0147, 6925A – visits from Captain "Tiger Woods" Ganja and Moe Howard. (AF Poor)

WMFQ (Providence)

- 03/21/03, 0206-0246, 6925A – usual selection of music "morphed" to near-unrecognizable levels, Beach Boys, B.O. (JS-NE Fair)(ZR-AZ Fair)(SC-VA Fair)

WMOE (Belfast)

- 03/16/03, 0115-0135*, 6925A – mx – Soft Rock. Off with "Nyuk, nyuk, nyuk". (WH-IL 144)(JS-NE Poor)
- 03/18/03, 0140, 6925A – mx – Rock. (WH-IL 144)

WMPR (FRN)

- 03/12/03, 0229-0333, 6954A – mx – Dance. (MT-WI Good)(JS-NE Good)
- 03/14/03, 0153-0210+, 6955A – mx – Techno. (JS-NE Good)
- 03/16/03, 1312-1356+, 6955A – mx – a change of pace – Grateful Dead! (JS-NE Good)
- 03/16/03, 2148-2222, 6955A – mx – Techno. Another Dance Party, off with "Thanks for listening!" (JS-NE Good)
- 03/18/03, 0140-0200, 6955A – mx – Techno/Pop. Overmodulated. (WH-IL 343)
- 04/19/03, 0239, 6925A – mx – Techno. (AF Good)

TENTATIVE/UNIDENTIFIED

Radio Baghdad?

- 03/30/03, *0242-0248*, 6950A – a very interesting editing of George Bush's State of the Union address calling for a recession, environmental damage and free nuclear missiles for every child. (GZ-OH 353)(WS-TN Good)(AF Poor)(SC-VA Fair)

Shadow Radio?

- 04/14/02, *0149-0248*, 6950U – mx – Rock. OM anncr, heard mention of "shadow" a number of times, hence assumption. (GZ-OH 253)

UNID

- 03/10/03, 0324-0401, 6951A – mx – "Satin Doll". Indistinct speech. (MT-WI Poor)
- 03/13/03, 0115-0132*, 6950U – ID of "???" Radio, mostly Techno interspersed with assorted grunts, groans and announcements that this was a Pirate station. (GZ-OH 353)
- 03/17/03, 0415-0436, 6950U – mx – Rap. (DL-CA Poor)
- 03/18/03, 0201, 6950U – mx – Folk, Folk-Rock. (WH-IL 133)
- 03/19/03, 0054-0110*, 6950U – mx – Hendrix. (JS-NE)
- 03/21/03, 0103, 6925L – mx – guitar, vocal. (AF Poor)
- 03/21/03, 0133, 6950U – very weak. (AF Poor)
- 03/21/03, 0143, 6925U – mx – Robin Trower, "Where you at, James Brownyard?" (AF Fair)
- 03/23/03, 2045, ??? – mx – "Secret Agent Man". (DC-PA Poor)(You forgot the frequency, Don!)
- 03/26/03, 0201-0250, 6950U – mx – Led Zeppelin. (ZR-AZ Fair)(MT-WI Fair)(SC-VA Poor)
- 03/29/03, 0057-0059*, 6950U – mx. (AF Poor)
- 04/03/03, 0256-0307, 6925U – mx – Black Sabbath. (ZR-AZ Fair)
- 04/06/03, 2312, 6950U – mx – "White America", "Business". (AF Fair)
- 04/07/03, 0322, 6925U – mx – "War Pigs", "Bark At The Moon". (DC-PA Poor)
- 04/16/03, 0131-0147, 6950U – mx – Zappa? (Pse QSL JS-NE Poor)

WMPR?

- 03/19/03, 0151-0212*, 6955A – mx – Techno/Dance. Woman saying "You think you're a man." (AF Good)

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TEN (and TWENTY) YEARS AFTER...

May 1983: ACE was 20 pages; the cover featured a FCC Public Notice about the bust of "KJ103" in Salem, MO. DiaLogs was 5 pages, including 12 Nam SW, 2 Nam MW, 1 Euro (Radio Dublin on 6910), 4 Clandestine, and 13 unIDs reported by 18 contributors.

May 1993 ACE was 32 pages; the cover featured a QSL from Radio Omega. DiaLogs was 10 pages, including 57 Nam SW, 11 Euro, 1 DU (Radio G'day), and 34 unIDs from 19 contributors.

RAMBLINGS

Interesting – although not an overly active month, transmission-wise, we have had another most excellent number of folks checking in! Keep this up and I'll be thinking there's hope for the hobby yet...

Can't babble on too much this month, work has been hell and I've been turning out a couple of articles for Monitoring Times (to deadline) as well. Some interesting things going on in the radio world of late. With luck I'll have time to write about them in the next ACE!

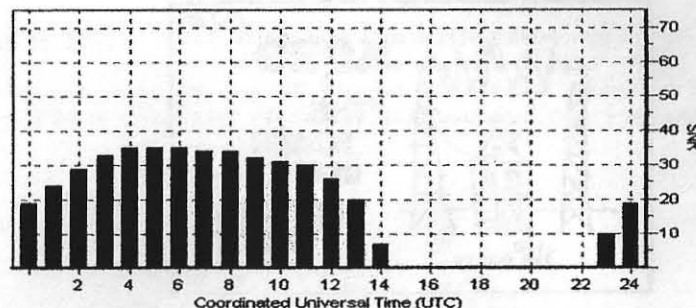
STATISTICS

None this month, folks – I'm just too short on time and I gotta keep Krusty from barking at me 'cause I'm already past deadline!

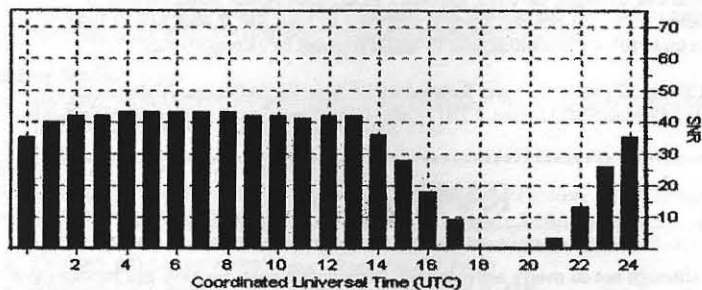
PROPAGATION

In honor of our new contributor, Dave Lopez in San Bernardino, this month's propagation charts are centered on his QTH. Use them wisely, rather than as chick magnets, Dave...

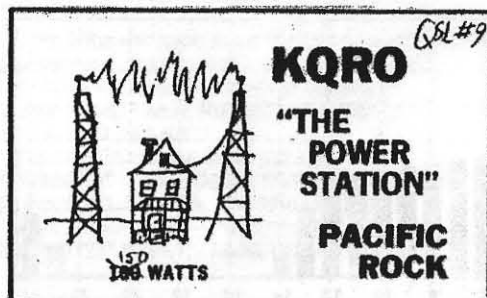
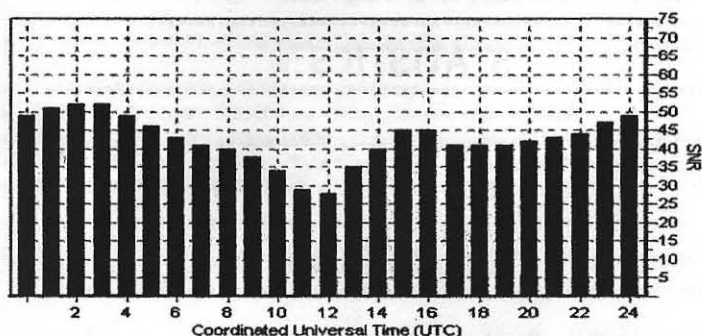
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 6.955 MHz



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6.955 MHz



May. 2003 Flux 113 SSN: 63 K: N/A San Bernardino, CA to Los Angeles, CA
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NEXT COLUMN DEADLINE: May 19th

Hi again folks, it's Easter as I type this and Commander Bunny is outside my window hurling Easter Eggs at my house, I'll try to hold out long enough to get this column finished before I'm overwhelmed by rodents.

We do have some QSL news to report, but things are a bit slower. Anyway here it is:

Many thanks to Dave Lopez-CA, Lee Reynolds-NH, John Sedlacek-NE and Woody Smith-TN

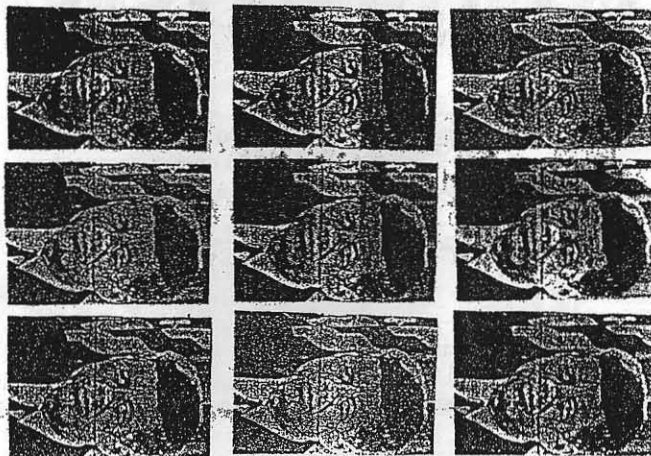
BIG THUNDER RADIO. Full data postcard of the sun setting in the west. Gave station/equipment info, staying away from foul language and politics, in 3 days for an email log. [Lopez-CA] Card in one week for email report to: bigthunderradio@hotmail.com. [Sedlacek-NE]

IRON MAN RADIO. QSL #14 for "Scruffy's Great Adventure-Mars" after a report in the ACE. [Reynolds-NH]

WKFK. No data QSL sheet for 2002 broadcast. I didn't hear them! [Sedlacek-NE] Same in 4 months, I did hear them! [Lobdell-MA] Same. [Smith-TN]

VOODOO RADIO. Full data red QSL with gator carrying guitar. Note on back from operator and letter about station & support for US Troops overseas. Received in 4 days for e mail report to vudull@hotmail.com [Sedlacek-NE]

That's it until next month!



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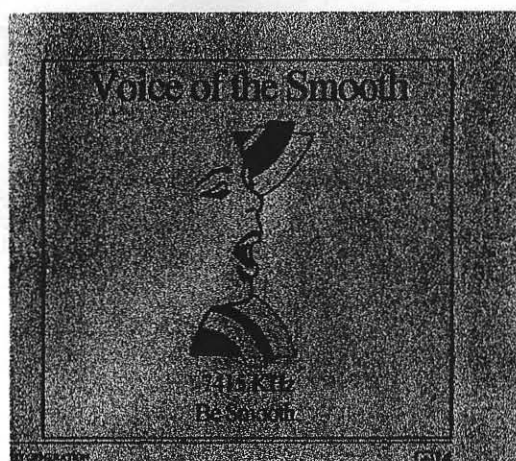
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-Chris



Covert Comms

by Chris Smolinski



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Welcome to another edition of Covert Corner. This month, we'll be taking a look at two numbers stations believed to be operated by British Intelligence, and transmitted from almost opposite sides of the Earth.

The first station is called the Lincolnshire Poacher. It gets that name from the old English folk tune of the same name, played at the beginning and end of each transmission. This station is fairly easily heard on the east coast of the US, and is believed to transmit from Malta.

Transmissions run from 1200 to 2300 UTC, and start on the hour. The folk tune is played several times, then a five digit ID is read by a YL. This is repeated several times, then the transmission begins, sending 5FG, always sending exactly 200 groups. The folk tune is then sent again several times, and the station signs off at around H+45 minutes.

The following frequencies are used, only two or three at a time:

5422	5746	6485	6900	6959
7337	7755	8464	9251	10426
11545	12603	13375	14487	15682
16084	16314	16475		

The higher frequencies are used at first, and then gradually lower frequencies are used. 6959 is often well heard in the US near the end of the broadcast day, not far from the US "pirate band". All transmissions are in USB.

The sister station is called Cherry Ripe, as it uses another English folk tune by that name. The same YL voice is used, and transmissions are believed to come from Guam.

The following frequencies have been reported, between 1000-1400 and 2200-0200 UTC:

17499	19884	20474	21866
22108	23461	24644	

Reception is always very difficult in the eastern US, but better on the west coast.

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